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BEFORE THE  
  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, as a  
Gas Public Utility, for Authority to Construct Facilities and  
Provide Natural Gas Service in Portions of the Town of Wolf  
River, Winnebago County, Wisconsin

6690-CG-143

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING  
AND  
INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS**

**THIS IS A PROCEEDING** to consider the November 9, 1998, application of Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPS), as a gas public utility, for authority under Wis. Stat. § 196.49 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 133, to construct facilities and provide natural gas service in portions of the Town of Wolf River, Winnebago County, Wisconsin.

WPS is a Wisconsin corporation engaged in the distribution and sale of natural gas to the public as a public utility, as defined in Wis. Stat. § 196.01 (5), in the City of Green Bay and other cities, villages, and towns in northeast and north central Wisconsin.

A portion of this project includes service to a current WPS gas franchise area in the Town of Winchester, Winnebago County, Wisconsin. A portion of the project's main is located in the Town of Winchester, in a direct path to the Town of Wolf River along existing roads.

On October 21, 1997, WPS, Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WE) and Wisconsin Gas Company (WGC) agreed to a territorial agreement covering the Town of Wolf River, Winnebago County, Wisconsin. This territorial agreement requires review and approval by the Commission. The area assigned to WPS is the subject of the application in this docket. The portion of the Town of Wolf River assigned to WE is the subject of an earlier WE application in docket 6630-CG-104. No application has been filed for the portion of the Town of Wolf River assigned to WGC. Due to differences in when the applications were filed with the Commission, it is likely that a decision by the Commission on the WE application would occur prior to a decision on the current WPS application. If a Commission decision approving the WE application precedes the decision on the current WPS application, the Commission will consider the WPS application under the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.50 as well as under Wis. Stats. § 196.49.

The project is estimated to cost \$247,768 during the first year. Approximately 30,000 feet of 3-inch plastic main and 23,000 feet of 2-inch plastic main would be installed.

WPS is proposing to complete this gas extension under their Area Expansion Program (AEP).

WPS proposes to render service from delivery points on the existing WPS distribution system on Grandview Road in the Town of Winchester. The extension will be installed west along Grandview Road to CTH M. The main continues south on CTH M, then extends west on CTH MM to the shoreline area of Lake Poygan. There are several legs of the extension that extend to serve the customers along the shore of Lake Poygan. They include Richter Lane, Boom Bay Road, and several small private roads.

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that the Commission will investigate the application without hearing unless an interested party requests a hearing within 10 working days of the date this notice is mailed.

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of WPS. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the WPS in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

This is a Type III action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(3). Since no unusual circumstances have come to the attention of the Commission which indicate that significant environmental consequences are likely, neither an environmental impact statement under Wis. Stat. § 1.11 nor an environmental assessment is required.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to get this document in a different format should contact the case coordinator listed below.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to case coordinator John R. Vogt at (608) 608-3374.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, \_\_\_\_\_

By the Commission:

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Lynda L. Dorr  
Secretary to the Commission